



SHORELINE

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Beaches a top recovery priority

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With Florida's four-storm punch, beach recovery is an urgent priority. Our nourished beaches did their job, sacrificing sand rather than upland buildings and infrastructure.

FSBPA has been working very closely with our Congressional delegation to insure that the federal emergency supplemental appropriations package was structured to provide a meaningful beach recovery component for Florida's federally authorized nourishment projects. Our delegation has also urged FEMA to replace sand losses within non-federal beach nourishment projects.

Success on both fronts is already evident. The supplemental was conferenced and passed before Congress adjourned Oct. 4. HR 5227, attached to the military spending bill, includes \$62.6 million in general construction funding for authorized beach projects. Additionally, some portion of the "flood control and coastal emergencies" allocation of \$148 million is also available for "repair of damage" to shore-

protection projects. Gov. Bush is on record that up to \$130 million in federal dollars for your beaches is on the way.

What can we expect from the Legislature with all but a handful of the Florida's coastal counties experiencing measurable storm-induced beach erosion? I am confident when the Legislature holds a special session in December, they will consider supplemental funding to support DEP storm-related operations and expenses, and will make a first cut at identifying supplemental beach recovery needs and costs.

We are hopeful that such support will be separate from, and in addition to, our annual \$30 million in dedicated funding. It is important to maintain the integrity of this annual project ranking exercise and funding sequence. Besides, we can expect that the vast majority of the projects on the FY 05-06 state priority list (if not all of them) were likely impacted by recent storm events.

It will take patience on all our parts. The demands on DEP's Beaches and Coastal Systems staff are overwhelming, the costs of recovery staggering. However, be assured beaches will be a major



part of Florida's response. It is widely recognized by Congress and the Legislature that beaches are the best defense against storm damage, and are what fuel the state's tourism.

A final note – Congress took the first opportunity with last week's vote on a Continuing Budget Resolution to repudiate the OMB-administration policy ending federal cost-sharing in periodic maintenance (subsequent renourishment). This is a policy battle that will be won! ♦

Hurricane Ivan assessment online

Olsen Associates has prepared a slide presentation on the preliminary coastal assessment data from Pensacola Beach to Gulf Shores, AL. Technical difficulties kept this program from being shown at the FSBPA annual meeting. To view the presentation, visit www.olsen-associates.com. ♦



Corps cleans out ports post-storms

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Immediately following Hurricanes Charley and Frances, which impacted the state on Aug. 13 and Sept. 5 respectively, the Corps of Engineers performed hydrographic surveys of several of the deep-draft harbors along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of Florida. Additional surveys are now being performed to determine the affects of Hurricane Jeanne.

The results of the first surveys showed significant shoaling in Canaveral Harbor, Palm Beach Harbor and Tampa Harbor. The USCG, having initially closed the Ports of Canaveral and Palm Beach to all traffic, later followed with draft restrictions based on the survey results.

The Corps then initiated an emergency dredging contract with Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., and dredging com-

menced in Canaveral Harbor on Sept. 12.

A separate contract was issued to Manson Construction Company for Palm Beach Harbor and dredging began there on Sept. 16. The anticipated completion date is Oct. 6 for Canaveral and Nov. 3 for Palm Beach.

No beach or nearshore placement is currently scheduled for Tampa Harbor, although additional surveys and planning are ongoing to address dredging requirements and placement alternatives. These actions allowed a very small disruption in the flow of commodities and goods to the U.S.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Jeanne interrupted dredging at Canaveral and Palm Beach for a couple of days, but dredging recommenced shortly after the storm passed and it will continue until the critical shoaling is removed.

It is estimated that over

500,000 cubic yards of material will be removed from Canaveral Harbor and 200,000 cubic yards will be removed from Palm Beach Harbor.

Attempts are being made to place the beach-quality material from these emergency dredging events back into the littoral zone.

Approximately 100,000 cubic yards will be deposited in the nearshore off Cocoa Beach using a hopper dredge to get in around the 30-foot contour, which is as close to shore that the dredge can safely operate. A clamshell operation is scheduled to finish the operation, and it has the potential to place another 100,000 cubic yards of material in the nearshore as well.

In Palm Beach, approximately 90,000 cubic yards of material has been placed in the nearshore, with an additional 90,000 cubic yards going into the borrow area for the nearby shore protection project. ♦



2004 FSBPA awards announced

President Stan Tait presented the following awards at FSBPA's annual awards banquet Sept. 30 at the Marco Island Marriott Resort and Spa:

Bill Carlton Award:

Malcolm "Mac" McLouth, Executive Director, Port Canaveral, Canaveral.

Per Bruun Distinguished Service Award:

Frank Rysavy, former Hillsborough Inlet Commission Chairman, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

Outstanding Achievement Award: Kate Gooderham, President, Gooderham & Associates, Fort Myers.

Bob Dean Coastal Research Award: Jacobus van de Kreeke, Professor, Rosentiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science, University of Miami, Miami.

Jim Purpura/T.Y Chiu Engineering Award: Paden Woodruff, Environmental Administrator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Beaches & Coastal Systems, Tallahassee.

Local Government Award: Albert P. Dusey, Director of Public Works, Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach. ♦



Above: Malcolm "Mac" McLouth. Top left: Paden Woodruff (left) with Stan Tait, receiving the Jim Purpura/T.Y. Chou Engineering Award. Left: Stan Tait presents the Per Bruun Distinguished Service Award to Frank Rysavy (right).



Stan Tait presents awards to Al Dusey (left) and Kate Gooderham (above) at the 2004 FSBPA annual meeting awards banquet.



FSBPA's new officers, board members elected

FSBPA members elected the following slate at the association's annual meeting Sept. 30:

DIRECTOR (3-year term)

- Virginia Barker, Brevard County
- Bob Clinger, Palm Beach County
- Dennis Daughters, City of Sarasota
- Brad Pickel, Walton County

DIRECTOR (1-year term)

- J.J. Beyrouiti, Town of Reddington Shores (replaced retiring Director Jim Spurgeon)

OFFICERS:

- Chair: Don Donaldson, Martin County
- Vice chair: Virginia Barker, Brevard County
- Secretary-treasurer: Bruce St. Denis, Town of Longboat Key

FSBPA thanks outgoing directors Brian Flynn, Al Dusey, Jim Spurgeon and David Roach for their service on the board. ❖



Tom Campbell (left) presented almost \$2,500 from the FSBPA fund-raising effort he chaired to Kate Gooderham, representing the Red Cross' Lee County chapter, at the 2004 annual meeting.

American Red Cross send thanks for the FSBPA's show of support

On behalf of the American Red Cross, we appreciate the strong support of your membership in contributing to the Disaster Relief Fund. These very members were ones who were working diligently in their communities to get them back on their feet. Your funds will go toward relief for all four Florida hurricanes.

In particular, we want to thank Tom Campbell and Coastal Planning & Engineering for hosting the fund-raiser at the conference.

We know the FSBPA has

a long history of supporting beaches for coastal protection and being a leader in hurricane preparedness and awareness. While all our costs are not in, in Lee County alone, we spent nearly \$2 million sheltering and caring for people during Hurricanes Charley and Frances. We provided nearly one half million meals.

Thank you again and we hope to work with you again in the future!

Robin Wingate, executive director, Lee County Chapter, American Red Cross



Florida Sea Grant revising plans

Florida Sea Grant is revising its strategic plan for 2006-2009. The priorities set out in the plan will guide their research and education programs for the next four years. You can view their current plan at http://www.flseagrants.org/about_us/strategic/index.htm

Over the past four years, their focus has been on developing mitigation techniques and products, establishing a technical basis for risk sharing, pricing and financing programs, and incorporating shoreline process and change data into coastal planning.

The Florida Sea Grant college program is committed to enhancing the practical use and conservation of coastal and marine resources to create a sustainable economy and environment. It is the only



The long-awaited PCA for Broward County's beach project was signed by the Corps' Col. Robert M. Carpenter (center) at the FSBPA annual meeting. Among those witnessing this event were (from left): Steve Higgins, Frank Rysavy, Pamela Landi and Richard Bonner.

statewide university-based coastal research, education, extension/outreach and communications program in Florida. One of 31 Sea Grant programs nationally, it is a

partnership program among the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Florida's universities and Florida's citizens, business and governments. ♦



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■ ASBPA Summit 2005, March 9-11, Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC. Go to: www.asbpa.org.

■ National Hurricane Conference, March 21-25, Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, LA. Go to: www.fsbpa.com. ♦